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Joan Claybrook, former NHTSA head who said the deaths show the government's awareness campaign isn't working

An Aug. 10 crash on Highway 13 in Missouri, above, led to the deaths of Samara Bayse, Hannah Foy and David Martin, left to right at top. JILL WAY/BOLIVAR HERALD-FREE PRESS (ABOVE); SUBMITTED PHOTOS (TOP)

'Senseless' deaths

Churches continue using unsafe vans as more crashes claim lives

Justin Price and Caitlin McGlade Louisville Courier Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Decades of government advisories weren't enough to save four people from being thrown from a 15-passenger church van that flipped on a Missouri highway this month. ▮ Three teenagers died. ▮ Eleven teens and two adults from Faith Chapel Assembly of God near Kansas City were traveling to Arkansas when they crashed in southwestern Missouri. All were injured.

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Trump's coal plan to ease EPA rules

Obama's power-plant proposal to be replaced

Alfred Miller
Louisville Courier Journal
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An EPA proposal to ease regulations on coal-fired power plants would allow Kentucky to set some of its own standards for greenhouse gas emissions.

The Affordable Clean Energy rule released Tuesday would replace an Obama-era proposal designed to shift the energy industry away from coal. Instead, the rule would leave much of the regulation up to states, which could choose from a list of "candidate technologies" to upgrade plants.

On Tuesday, state Energy and Environment Cabinet spokesman John Mura said it was still too early to say what strategies Kentucky might follow under the proposed rule, but that it would allow the commonwealth to "responsibly use its energy assets in a way that would provide low-cost energy to consumers and industry."

Ashok Gupta, senior energy economist for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, told the Courier Journal that the proposal likely won't reverse market trends. In Kentucky and elsewhere energy producers have shifted toward natural gas and wind, and away from coal.

"It'll be like putting your foot on the break while driving," Gupta said.

Tom FitzGerald, director of the Kentucky Resources Council, agreed, saying it may allow some "dirtier production" at the margins, but won't materially change the direction in which Kentucky is headed.

"This will potentially put at risk

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'Papa' John sends a love letter to pizza company employees

Andrew Wolfson
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Attention Papa John's employees: Papa says he still loves you.

Escalating his battle with the company he founded, ousted Papa John's chairman John Schnatter tells "fellow team members" in a full-page ad in Wednesday's Courier Journal that he misses them "more than words can express" and that "we will all get through this together."

In the ad, which was placed by the firm handling Schnatter's public relations, the founder of the world's third-largest pizza company says current managers "will not let me talk to you and this has been very difficult."

The open letter to employees doesn't specify whether Schnatter wants to return as chairman, but he tells them "you are the heart and soul of this company" and "in every minute of every day you are all in my thoughts and prayers."

The ad also directs readers to a new website, www.savepapajohns.com, on which he says: "The board wants to silence me. So this is my website, and my

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For foodies, it's Sunny Side up

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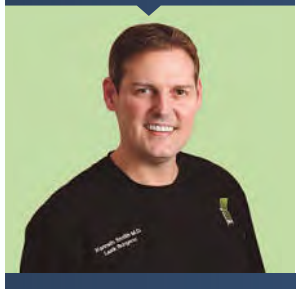
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